Enactment of New Police Act

*19. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to enact a new Police Act and repeal the 1861 Act on the lines of Soli Sorabjee Committee draft report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main recommendations or salient features of the Soli Sorabjee Committee report; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Soli Sorabjee Committee has submitted to Government a draft model Police Act. The Union Government is considering introduction of a bill to cover Police administration in the Union Territories to replace the earlier enactments. However, since Police is a State subject, individual State Governments would have to decide whether to enact a legislation to replace the Police Act, 1861 on the lines of the new Union Territories legislation or otherwise.

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

†*20. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government of Himachal Pradesh for construction of roads under Pradhan Manti Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years;

(b) the names of such roads and the details of the amount made available for these roads;

(c) by when the construction work of Nandala-Maghara and Jaingla-Anboi-Gumna roads located in Chhawara section of Shimla district would be completed under the scheme; and

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(d) whether these roads would be fully metalled?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has released an amount of Rs. 252.21 crore to Himachal Pradesh during the years 2003-04 to 2005-06 for implementation of PMGSY works.

(b) The Ministry has approved 1180 road works in Himachal Pradesh upto March, 2006 at an estimated cost of Rs. 946.70 crore. The names of these road works are available on the website *www.omms.nic.in*. During the year 2006-07 another 326 road works have also been approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 406.38 crore.

(c) The Nandla to Jhalwari road work has been cleared by the Ministry on 29.5.2006. According to the PMGSY guidelines, road works are to be completed within 15 months from the date of clearance. The road from Jhalwari to Maghara, comprising two link roads, has not yet been proposed by the State Government. Road work from Jaingla to Gumna is lower in priority as the population of the terminal habitation is less than 500.

(d) There is no proposal under PMGSY from State Government for metalling of these roads, except Nandla to Jhalwari which has been approved under PMGSY.

Adverse impact of import of cheap palm oil and vegetable oil

†1. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent of mills and vegetable oil industries in the country are facing closure due to import of cheap palm oil and duty free import of vegetable oil from Nepal;

(b) whether it is a fact that the remaining functional mills are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government are going to take to get rid of such a situation?

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